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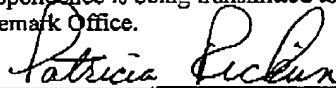
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**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant requests consideration of the pending claims in the above-identified patent application based on the remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Response to Restriction Requirement** begins on page 20 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.

**Appendix** begins on page 22 of this paper, with copy of Form 1449/PTO filed electronically (12-17-2004)